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law. At once. The thing to do now is to get an end to it, and through the law, with as little hesitation, as little violence, but as much firmness as may be.

THE SICK BABIES' FUND.

No more useful and beneficent charity was ever undertaken than that which "The Evening World" founded six years ago, to supply capable medical attendance and advice with such remedies and nourishment as may be needed, for poor tenement-house children during the Summer months wholly free of cost.

It has been a truthfully that good health is the greatest boon that can be bestowed on human beings. "The Evening World's" corps of visiting doctors carry good health into the dwellings of the poor, where disease and death make a fierce fight for human victims. Not only do they give them the disease which it has begun its work, but they prevent its approach by removing its causes. Thousands of little lives have been saved by their efforts, and upon thousands the inestimable blessings of sound constitutions, good health and perfect facilities have been bestowed.

The subscriptions to the Sick Babies' Fund year after year, have been generous and noble, and have afforded the opportunity of gradually extending the work and of making it more and more successful. It is a most encouraging thought to reflect that every dollar's gift to the fund and every contribution brings ease and comfort to some poor little sufferer who has known nothing but pain and privation until this relief has come.

It is scarcely necessary to appeal to those who have added the Sick Babies' Fund in former years to continue the good work. Every parent knows how precious it is to have a capable doctor when a child is sick, and when no one else knows what to do to relieve its sufferings. At such times the faithful doctors of the fund are at the bedside of the poor, who have no means of procuring medical advice themselves. At such times, too, come the necessary remedies to drive away disease and to leave pain, and the nourishment even more necessary than medicine in many cases.

All this work "The Evening World's" Sick Babies' Fund does, and will continue to do as long as it can command the warm sympathy and liberal aid it has received from the people of New York for six years past.

THE HAND OF PROVIDENCE.

A terrible crime might have been added to the long list of hidden mysteries if Bernhard Altenberger had done his murderous work on Katie Rupp, his intended victim, a little more effectively than he did.

No more cruel crime has ever been perpetrated than that with which the accused man stands charged. Katie Rupp had lived in service in a family in Rome, in this State, for nearly ten years. She was faithful, looked upon almost as one of the family, and had saved money. Altenberger, one of her countrymen, courted her, promised to marry her, lured her to Jersey City, secured her money, then took her to Snake Hill, shot her, and left her for dead after tearing from her body what jewelry she wore. She lay for twelve hours before relief came, and will probably die. But she has fortunately lived long enough to tell her story, and now everybody will hope that justice speedily overtake her brutal assailant.

He had so artfully arranged all their movements that there is no probability that the crime would ever have been brought to light if his work with the pistol had been as fatal as he evidently intended it should be.

HERE HIES AN ACTOR.

A well-known actor tried to break into supplementary proceedings in the City Court yesterday, but didn't succeed. There was no judgment creditor on hand to confront him, and he left the temple of justice somewhat puzzled over his disappointment.

Successful actors always get into supplementary proceedings. After they have won the laurel wreath and had their earnings increased to such proportions that they cannot stand for the thing, the persecution of wealth that is embodied in the income tax, there is but one step higher in their profession, and that is to go before a judge and declare themselves so poor that they cannot pay what they owe.

There are so many high-up actors earning from \$500 to \$1,000 a week who have to borrow a nickel from their valets when they want to take a street-car ride that it is really cause for commiseration when a popular player, who has all the other attributes of histrionic highness, cannot get into the cast of supplementary proceedings. What a lone and lorn creature a large-salaried actor who cannot get a judgment creditor that will interest himself in him must be!

TO FIGHT EXTRADITION.

Liebe Would Go to Germany if the Charge of Forgery Is Withdrawn.

Frederick Liebe, formerly a clerk in the office of the City Treasurer of Frankfurt, Germany, has expressed his willingness to return to Germany for trial on the charge of embezzlement, and embezzlement, and the German authorities want to extradite him for both.

As the felony consists of Liebe's failure to enter certain accounts in the books of his employer, it is a question that does not constitute a forgery under the laws of the United States. Liebe's attorney, Robert N. Wylie, is contesting his extradition on that ground before United States Commissioner Lyman Lieber, who has granted a temporary credit for the offense for which he is extradited.

WORLDINGS.

Ohio leads the States in having the largest number of farms.

The largest fishcatch ever taken was seven feet long and two feet wide.

The smallest bird is an Enderby hummingbird which is hardly larger than an ordinary housefly.

The Chinese have a god for every disease, even for childhood's afflictions like the mumps and measles.

The temperature at the bottom of the Foreman mine in Virginia City, a depth of 2,100 feet, is 71.9 degrees.

Fort Garland, Colo., is believed to be the driest place in the United States. The rainfall there is only six inches a year.

It is estimated by gardeners that in the course of a season a frog or a toad will devour fifty-seven times its weight in insects.

A young negro boy in Bunwell County, S. C., performed the feat of swimming the entire book of Genesis to memory in three hours.

According to the census returns, the farmers of Illinois have more money invested in farming implements and machinery than all the South Atlantic States and all the Rocky Mountain and all the Pacific coast States combined.

"GUDGEONS."

The handsome leading man of the Empire had a great opportunity in the new play produced at that theatre last night, and did not let any of it get away. His gentlemanly swindler was a superb triumph of acting. Capable and clever as Henry Miller had been in so many parts, and as Miller, at his admirations, with his versatile and always finished histrionism, nobody was prepared for the amazing revelation of skill and artistic strength which he brought to the interpretation of the difficult role of James Ffolliott Treherne. He was wonderfully good.

The play "Gudgeons" was a brilliant example of comedy construction. It opened with clever things. The dialogue sparkled and danced along most delightfully through three bright acts; its characters moved in and out of the story in smooth and harmonious ways and from beginning to end there was not discoverable one instance of effort or straining after effect on the part of the men who made the play. The critical and large fashionable audience enjoyed it, and "Gudgeons" may unhesitatingly be set down as another success for Charles Frohman and the Empire Theatre stock company.

The comedy has a serious purpose, and that that first perplexed, but the comedy of the idea soon gets the better of its gravity, and thoughtfulness gives way to enjoyment. "Gudgeons" is a merciless exposure of the methods of a certain class of Englishmen, of aristocratic pretensions, who are polished swindlers and prey on Americans who take them in when they go abroad.

More money than money than money! The second, whose cunning devices cause his weak and worshipping wife to every now and then break out into the rhapsodical tribute, "James, you are so wonderful," with a soulful emphasis on the "so," tries to make his profit out of the love of his nephew for a pretty American heiress, whose father has made millions in oil, but the nephew, who is an honest, mainly for the type of that any woman would do so, discovers the uncle's game and refuses to marry the ingenious girl unless she will agree to come to him as poor as he is himself. The lovers triumph, of course, and the polished swindler is checked. There is more to the story, but this explains the theme and purport of the play.

The exquisite drawl with which Mr. Miller characterized his nephew as "a silly ass" whenever the young fellow ran counter to his designs was worth going fifty miles to hear, and the "Gig up, Gladys," at the end of the second act, when Victor, who had been in an assumed faint, and when the Americans, whom they want to get rid of because the Trehernes have but half a chicken and a little tinned tongue in the larder and can't afford to ask them to lunch, have been hustled out, was so delightfully spontaneous that the audience forgot to be bringing the actors before the curtain twice.

Miller wears a monocle with agreeable picturesqueness. His Treherne is an extraordinary creation. It alone would have made the success of "Gudgeons."